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FIG e-Newsletter June 2013

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG e-Newsletter, which brings you latest information about FIG and its activities. The information referred here is in full length available on the FIG web site. Thus the e-Newsletter is produced to inform you what has happened recently and what interesting things are going to take place in the near future. The FIG e-Newsletter is circulated monthly or bi-monthly by e-mail. The referred articles are in English and written in a way that you are able to extract them to your national newsletters or circulate to your members and networks.

Article of the Month

Each month on the FIG web site we publish a paper called the Article of the Month. This is a high-level paper focusing on interesting topics to all surveyors. It can be picked up from a FIG conference or another event. The Article of the Month in June 2013 is written by **Paul Munro-Faure and Andrew Hilton, FAO, Italy: Building on the consensus - FAO's first twelve months after endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure**. In May 2012 the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security, was officially endorsed. This paper describes the first twelve months of the FAO work, with its partners, in developing and implementing a programme for making improved governance of tenure a reality. FIG is co-organising a Pacific Small Island Developing States Symposium at Fiji, 18-20 September 2013 addressing the specific challenges for the Pacific area as a follow up on the SIDS (Small Island Developing States and the Millennium Development Goals) Agenda for Action, started at the FIG Congress 2010 in Sydney.

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/june_2013/june_2013_munro-faure_hilton.htm

Most colourful FIG Working Week with lively Nigerian flavour FIG Working Week 2013 Abuja, Nigeria 6-10 May 2013



FIG Working Week 2013

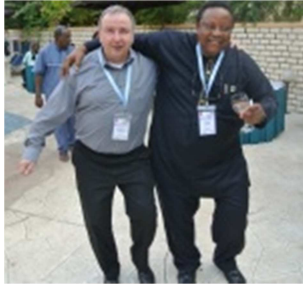
6-10 May, Abuja, Nigeria

"Environment for Sustainability"



The opening ceremony

The FIG Working Week Environment for Sustainability and the XXXVI General Assembly was held in Abuja, Nigeria with the theme "Environment for Sustainability". In his opening speech President of Nigeria, Goodwill Jonathan states that this is a very appropriate and relevant theme for the current situation not only in Nigeria but all over the world. More than 2000 Nigerians and almost 250 International participants enjoyed this special, colourful and energetic Working Week. This Working Week was the biggest ever in the history of FIG in terms of participation. Many different activities took place during the busy week. A train-the-trainer seminar and a special forum for Surveyor Generals/Director Generals both co-organised by GLTN-UN-HABITAT and FIG, special



Many contacts were made during the week.

sessions organised in cooperation with the World Bank, and many well attended technical sessions were offered during the week. The exhibition attracted 34 International and Nigerian exhibitors. The many Nigerian participants showed their friendliness and large hospitality together with their ability to make a Working Week both serious and entertaining to Nigerian rhythms.

Read the full report from FIG 2013:
www.fig.net/news/fig2013/index.htm

Further links:

Picture Galleries: www.fig.net/news/fig2013/picture_gallery_1.htm

List of participants: www.fig.net/fig2013/attender_list2013.pdf

Conference Proceedings: www.fig.net/pub/fig2013/index.htm

Technical Programme as a .pdf file - hard copy version:

www.fig.net/fig2013/abuja_technical_programme.pdf

Program Book as a .pdf file:

www.fig.net/fig2013/abuja_program_book.pdf

Conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2013

Report from the General Assembly:

www.fig.net/news/news_2013/ga_abuja_may_2013.htm

Minutes - FIG General Assembly 2013, Abuja, Nigeria, 6 and 10

May 2013: www.fig.net/admin/ga/2013/minutes.htm



Colourful Nigerian Surveyors Wives

Presentations

President Teo's presentation at the General Assembly:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2013/minutes/app_07_pres_report_ppt.pdf

President Teo's Opening Address:

www.fig.net/pub/fig2012/papers/opening/opening_teo.pdf

Working Week Summary presentation:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2013/minutes/app_26_ga_summary.pdf



FIG 36th General Assembly 2013 welcomed two New Member Associations 6 and 10 May 2013, Abuja, Nigeria – report and minutes



The General Assembly was attended by many delegates and observers.

FIG General Assembly 2013 was held during the Working Week in Abuja, Nigeria. In total 40 different member associations were present at the two sessions of the General Assembly. All membership categories apart from Correspondents were represented, and there was a strong presence of observers, especially Nigerians who followed the General Assembly with great interest.

Report from the General Assembly:

www.fig.net/news/news_2013/ga_abuja_may_2013.htm

General Assembly minutes:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2013/minutes.htm

FIG Congress 2014 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014



The impressive Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Do not miss FIG Congress 2014 which will be a most spectacular event. At the General Assembly there will be voting for the new President of FIG, two new Vice Presidents, the venues both for the 2017 Working Week and 2018 Congress. The Congress will also offer an interesting four-day technical program including plenary sessions, special forums and seminars as well as technical sessions. The call for paper and opening of the submission of abstracts will follow soon. There will be the possibility to submit papers for peer review.

The exhibition will be large and attractive and already now many booths are reserved. More information on the exhibition:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2014/exhibition.htm>

Sponsorship opportunities:

http://www.fig.net/fig2014/exhibition_opportunities.htm

Malaysia and Kuala Lumpur are attractive destinations with many possibilities. Plan your travel already now. The congress web site will soon be updated with information on possibilities in and around Kuala Lumpur as well as hotel information. A special carbon offset technical tour for Presidents or Heads of Delegations is organized and a Golf tour is also being planned either before or after the Congress.

Follow the congress web site: www.fig.net/fig2014

FIG Pacific Small Island Developing States Symposium – 18-20 September 2013



During the XXIV FIG Congress in Sydney, 2010, a seminar was organized to address the challenges Small Island Developing States are facing in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with a special focus on the South Pacific Region. The Seminar emphasized the importance of good land governance especially in relation to climate change and natural disaster; access to land, coastal and marine resources; and secure land tenure and administration. The seminar adopted the "Sydney Agenda for Action" that aims at developing the capacity of land professionals to deal with these challenges.

To follow up on the first results, FIG in cooperation with FAO organizes another symposium "the Pacific Region Small Island Developing States Symposium to address:

- Improved governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests
- Geospatial information management; and
- Secure land and property rights for all.

Cross cutting themes include capacity development, professional development and climate change.

Read more: www.fig.net/fiji

1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting



APPLY NOW to be part of the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting, 17-18 October 2013, Lisbon, Portugal

Young Surveyors from Europe are invited to apply for a joint FIG Foundation and FIG Young Surveyors Network fund. http://www.fig.net/ys/news/flyer_portugal.pdf

Newsletters and publications



The FIG Annual Review 2012 is now available as .pdf. Hard copies will be mailed to all members together with the minutes from the General Assembly in Abuja, Nigeria 2013. Also FIG Profile has been updated. You can download the FIG Annual Review and profile here:

FIG Annual Review 2012 - in pdf-format (20 pages and 1.2 MB):

http://www.fig.net/annual_review/anrew12/areview2012.pdf

FIG profile leaflet in A4 format as a .pdf-file (6 pages A4):

http://www.fig.net/general/profile/profile_2013.pdf

FIG profile leaflet in folded format as a .pdf file (2 pages, folded)

http://www.fig.net/general/profile/profile_2013.pdf

Job vacancies – updated June 2013

RMIT University, Melbourne Australia; IPBES, Bonn Germany; IRDR, Beijing China; University of Nottingham, Ningbo China; UNB New Brunswick, Canada

<http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm>

Benefits from FIG Corporate Members

http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm

Forthcoming events

31 August 2013, Potsdam, Germany (alongside the IAG Scientific Assembly)
JBGIS Annual Meeting hosted by IAG, together with the IAG Scientific Assembly

9-11 September 2013, Nottingham, United Kingdom

The second Joint FIG/IAG International Symposium on Deformation Monitoring (JISDM)

Web site: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/engineering/conference/jisdms/index.aspx>

Call for paper: <http://www.fig.net/events/2013/jisdms.pdf>

18-20 September, Suva, Fiji



FIG Pacific Small Island Developing States Symposium, Fiji - Policies and practices for Responsible Governance. Organised in conjunction with FIG, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO, Fiji Institute of Surveyors and University of the South Pacific.

Web site: www.fig.net/fiji

24-25 September, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

International FIG workshop on the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM2013).
Organised in conjunction with ISG2013.
Web site: <http://www.isoladm.org>

17-18 October, Lisbon, Portugal

1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting
Web site: <http://figysn.ordemengenheiros.pt/pt/>

21-25 October, Yaounde, Cameroon

2nd Surveying Week: Building Capacities in Land Reforms and Land Management jointly with the annual assembly of Commission 2 and Commission 7 and the general assembly of the FGF. Organised by l'Ordre des Géomètres du Cameroun, FIG Commission 2 and 7

7-8 November, Sofia, Bulgaria

The XXIII International Symposium On Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice In Geodesy and Related Fields
Web site: <http://geodesy-union.org/>

13-16 November, Skopje, FYROM

International Scientific Conference on "Spatial Data Infrastructures & Spatial Information Management 2013".
Invitation: http://www.fig.net/events/2013/skopje_2013.pdf
Web site : <http://conf2013.geo-see.org/>

For **additional FIG and FIG Commission events** see always up-to-date information at: www.fig.net/events/events.htm

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